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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$4,500,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION, \$3,500,000
OF DIVIDENDS, \$1,500,000
DEPOSITIVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS, \$7,500,000

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INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
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" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 24, 1885. 1449

NOTICE
RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$3,000 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may, at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Information as to the business of the Bank, if required, on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 7, 1885. 784

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £2,000,000
PAID-UP, £500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,
40, THE HEADSTONE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED ON ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager,
Hongkong Branch.
Hongkong, July 4, 1885. 1123

WILLIAM DOLAN,
SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,
No. 1, PAIAI CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,
MANILA HOPE, AMERICAN
OAKUM, LIKE BUOY,
CORK JACKETS,
to 200 lbs.

Hongkong, May 1, 1885. 256

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

HOUI SHANG having This Day been ADMITTED a PARTNER in my Firm in China, the Business will from henceforth be carried on under the Style of TAI LEE & CO.

HO YING MING,
TAI LEE &
Honan, Canton, 23rd Sept., 1885. 1653

NOTICE.

M. R. JAMES DUKE MONRO is authorized to sign our firm.

BRADLEY & CO.,
Swatow, 22nd September, 1885. 1685

Intimations.

THE HARDEN
HAND GRENADE
FIRE EXTINGUISHER CO.

THE Undersigned, having just arrived, is prepared to fill all Orders for the above GRENADE. It is the Cheapest, Simplest, and Best Known FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN THE WORLD.

having been used in England and America, with the greatest success for the past year and having extinguished over 800 Actual Fires, thereby saving millions of dollars worth of property.

These GRENADES are sold at \$16.00 per case of one dozen each, and no GRENADES sold less than dozen lots.

Send all Orders to E. CLARK,
Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, September 23, 1885. 1662

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been nominated by Special Appointment COMMERCIAL AGENTS for the FOREIGN BUSINESS of HIS EXCELLENCE the VICEROY of CHILI.

RUSSELL & CO.,
Hongkong, August 11, 1885. 1378

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS Contributed during the Half-Year ended 30th June, 1885, or before the 30th SEPTEMBER next, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 18, 1885. 1002

NOTICE.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 2nd PROXIMO, 3.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of the year 1884, and for the half-year ending 30th June, 1885.

The CLOSER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 23rd Instant to the 2nd PROXIMO, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
N. J. EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 21, 1885. 1650

NOTICE.

GRIFFITH'S NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG

NOW READY,

1, DUDDELL STREET.

GRIFFITH & CO.,
MANUFACTURERS
OF THE

LONDON AERATED WATERS,
1, DUDDELL STREET,

Continue to Supply:

SODA WATER, LEMONADE,
TONIC, GINGERADE,
SHRIMPPOLE, &c., &c.

At the same Moderate Charge.

Hongkong, June 9, 1885. 987

JEYES' DISINFECTANTS.

THE Perfect Purifier.

THE Best and Cheapest Disinfectant and Cleaner. In Cases of 1 dozen 8-oz Bottles, and in 1 & 2 Gallon Drums.

The above are recommended by the local Sanitary Board.

Apply to NORTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, September 18, 1885. 1683

NOTICE.

FOR the Convenience of Customers, the Productions of the CHINA SUGAR REFINERY COMPANY, LIMITED, can henceforward be obtained by RETAIL, POR CASH, at No. 3, PEAK STREET, at the same price as at the RETAILERS; or Retail Orders will be delivered at addresses in town on applications forwarded their Monthly Requirements in writing direct to the RETAILER at East Point.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, July 27, 1885. 1208

NOTICE.

SAFETY POWDER

in Boxes of 1 dozen 2-lb Tins.

The above are recommended by the local Sanitary Board.

Apply to NORTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, September 18, 1885. 1683

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE NOW RECEIVED THEIR NEW STOCK OF—

SPORTSMEN'S SUNDRIES & AMMUNITION.

DOUBLE-BARRELED FOWLING PIECES in Cases, with IMPLEMENTS, Complete, from \$45.00.

ELEY's Brown, Blue and Green CARTRIDGE CASES.

ELEY's White FELT, Grey COTTON and Guncotton-proof WADS.

Newcastle Chilled SHOT, of sizes,

PROOF & WILKINSON'S ALLIANCE SPORTING POWDER.

Re-loading, Loading and Ramming MACHINES.

Combined Loading and Turnover MACHINES, and Shot MEASURES, and FLASKS.

Exploded Shell EXTRACTORS.

Water-proof Canvas and Leather LEGGINGS.

Field and Case GUN-CLEANERS, Gun OIL.

OIL BOTTLES, SCREW-DRIVERS, and Case CUTTERS.

CALCUTTA—PITH SUN HATS (extra thick for Sportsmen).

English-made Hand-sewn SHOOTING BOOTS.

(PIC-NIC and SHOOTING PARTIES supplied with FRESH STORES, WINES, &c., at special rates.)

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, August 28, 1885. 1478

Prospectus.

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL \$120,000 DOLLARS.

In 1,250 Shares of \$100 each. On each share the sum of \$50 is to be paid upon allotment, and the balance by one call to be made at such time as the General Managers, with the advice and direction of the Consulting Committee,

shall determine.

Consulting Committee:

The Hon. PHINEAS RYRIE.

A. MOYER, Esq.

J. B. COUGHTREY, Esq.

A. FINDLAY SMITH, Esq.

General Managers:

MESSRS. MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.

Bankers:

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Solicitors:

MESSRS. WOTTON AND DEACON.

Company's Office:

36, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

Abridged Prospectus.

The Company (which was duly incorporated as a Company Limited by shares on the 17th day of August, 1885) has

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
ARE NOW LANDING
DEVOE'S NONPARUEL KEROSINE
OIL.

HITCHCOCK MECHANICAL
NO CHIMNEY
LAMP.

STUDENT'S LAMP;

FAIRBANK'S SCALES.

MACKENZIE & MACKENZIE'S
BISCUITS.

NEW SEASON'S TEA,
in 5 or 10 Catty Boxes.

YELLOW GOSHAW BUTTER,
in 5 or 10 lbs Tins.

Condensed MILK.

CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS.

COOKING STOVES.

AGATE IRON WARE.

Milner's FIRE PROOF SAFES.

DO. CASH AND PAPER
BOXES.

ALLEN & GENEE'S
TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.

BEER AND PORTER
in
Bogsheads.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT

OILMAN'S STORES,
AND

WINES,

at the lowest possible prices

FOR CASH.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,
Hongkong, September 2, 1885. 1510

FOR SALE.

A HOUSE at the PEAK, with Large
TENNIS GROUND attached, A
good View of the Harbour and out to Sea.
Apply to

PEAK,

c/o THIS OFFICE.

Hongkong, April 11, 1885. 614

FOR SALE.

THE SPANISH STEAMER
P A S I G.

Apply to

REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, September 4, 1885. 1531

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamship
Peking,
Capt. G. HEUERMANN, will
be despatched for
above Port TO-MORROW, the 25th Inst.,
at 4 p.m., instead of as previously notified.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, September 24, 1885. 1661

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF
NEW YORK, will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama, on
TUESDAY, the 13th October, at 3 p.m.,
taking Passengers and Freight for
the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America, by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic line of Steamers.

RETURN PASSENGERS.—Passengers, who
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San
Francisco for China or Japan (as vice versa)
within six months, will be allowed a discount
of 20% from Return Fare; so if re-embarking
within one year, an allowance of 10% will
be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Re-
turn Passage Orders, available for one year,
will be issued at a Discount of 20% from
Return Fare. These allowances do not apply
to Through fares from China and Japan to
Europe.

Freight will be received on board until 4
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel
Packages will be received at the office until
5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full, value
of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to ports beyond San Francisco
should be sent to the Company's Office in
San Francisco, addressed to the Collector
of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agent of the
Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central—
C. D. HARMAN,
acting agent.

Hongkong, September 24, 1885. 1663

To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for CHEFOO, TIENSIN, NEW
CHWANG, HANKOW, and Ports on the
YANGTSZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Kutang,
Captain YOUNG, will be
despatched as above TO-
MORROW, the 25th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers

Hongkong, September 24, 1885. 1665

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NIANGPO, CHEFOO, TIENSIN, HANKOW and
CHWANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW and
Ports on the YANGTSZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Mendana,
Captain NELSON, will be
despatched as above on
TUESDAY, the 29th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 24, 1885. 1667

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, HAMBURG, LON-
DON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Pembroke*, DAVIES,
Commander, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that all Goods, with the exception
of Opium, are being landed at their destination
by the Godown of the Underwriters at Wan-
chau, No. 3, behind the premises known as
Blue Buildings, whence and/or by
Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained:
Optional Cargo will be forwarded, un-
less notice to the contrary be given before
10 a.m. To-morrow, the 25th Instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods
subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been affected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 24, 1885. 1670

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ANNE H. SWITZ, American ship, Capt.
R. B. Brown, P. & O. S. N. Co.

AURORA, British barque, Capt. P. J.
Pleethen Kwong Cheang Ty.

B. STEENKVIT, German brig, Captain
Chr. Meyer.—Molchers & Co.

COUSINS ARABIA, British steamer, Captain
John Hollis.—Who Lee Co.

EDWARD MAY, American barque, Capt.
C. A. Johnson.—Russell & Co.

MONTE ISANON, British barque, Capt.
Chas. H. Nelson.—Arnold, Karber & Co.

NAUPACTUS, British ship, Captain Ed. H.
NAUPTIUS, British ship, Captain Dorf.
LOVITT, P. & O. S. N. Co.

PASCINE, French barque, Capt. Sovraine
Carlowitz & Co.

TITAN, American ship, Capt. C. H. Allyn
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THE CHINA MAIL

No. 6014.—SEPTEMBER 24, 1885.]

Many dog stories have recently been going the rounds in different journals; but here is one, indeed, by which an evening comes to an end, to whom he was in the habit of going every morning on his master's behalf. This master was fond of hot rolls for breakfast; he placed a penny each day in his dog's mouth and said to him, "Baker." The dog would then start off for the baker's. Arrived there, he placed his feet on the counter and presented the penny to the proprietor of the shop, who, taking the penny, placed a big containing a penny roll in the dog's mouth. This the dog used safely to transport to his master for his breakfast. One day the dog had, as usual, brought his penny to the baker's counter and duly deposited it. The man, in order to see what the dog would do, took a hamper full and depositing it in a bag, placed the latter, as usual, in the dog's mouth. The dog put down the bag on the counter and went out and fled in the policeman.

THE HONGKONG SKETCHING CLUB.

The semi-public view of the twenty-third exhibition of the Hongkong Sketching Club was held at the City Hall yesterday. Quite a number of artists and their friends were present. There was a fair turn-out of pictures and sketches notwithstanding the enervating heat of summer. Summer evenings, however, give fine opportunities of studying the gorgeous sunset skies; as previous exhibitions have shown. No. 2, "Pray Scene, Sunset," is a copy of one of Nature's magnificent displays of colour so often vouchsashed to us here in the East. The dark buildings on the Praya, conspicuous amongst them being the picturesque outlines of the new P. & O. Offices, loom out against the rich sky, a confused mass of Hawk boats and sampans lie along the Praya Wall, while a little jetty pushes its way out between them. On the bright water, tinged with all the roseate hues of the Western sky, a passage boat is just starting on its night journey to some town or city on the mainland, and the dark form of the hills to the West shut out the Ocean from the waters of the harbour.

Several views from the Peak are exhibited, interesting in the rugged contour of the nearer hills, while the bits of quiet sea give a calm contrast to the roughness of the mountains.

"Twilight," No. 11, was most soothingly in its quiet sky and water, while everything seems sinking into a blissful repose. All is hushed and silent. The light is soft, and the hills look almost gentle in the peaceful atmosphere, instead of appearing the emblems of everlasting strength.

Why will the members of the Sketching Club make us disconcerted with our lot in this sultry, tropical land, with views of snow clad heights in the distant Alps? It is very tantalizing to look on such a beautiful scene as that depicted in No. 13, "Scene in the Alps," and know that those heights are unassimilable to us, however much we may long for them. Were the North East monsoon blowing now we might bear our lot with more equanimity while feasting our eyes on what is not for us.

We were quite pleased to see a view of one of the best of our Chinese States in Hongkong in No. 16, "Jervise St., Hongkong." The green verandas, red railings, bright sign boards, sun shades, piles of merchandise, street hawkers, and all the other scenes of a lively Chinese Street, are here shown to advantage; between the houses we get a peep of the villas and bungalows up the hill side, while a calm blue sky looks down on all.

No. 14, "Still Life," deserves more than a passing notice, as do others, which we must pass by in silence.

No. 20, "A rest under the Banyan," is a most ayrian scene. The gnarled trunks of banyans, with their twisted branches, supporting the canopy of dark green foliage, rise from the side of a path running round a grassy plot, studded with lights, and shades are cast. A light green bush rises from the almost hedge-like growth of trees and shrubs on the other side of the path, thus relieving the more sombre hues of the banyan and grass.

A couple of historical scenes are also to be seen in the St. Andrew's Hall during this exhibition. One is a view of an attack on a fort at Macao in 1849, while the other will be more interesting to Hongkongers as shewing this city when in its infancy. We are reminded while looking at it of Tom Hood's line beginning,

"No moon—no moon"
and going on to say—

"No road—no street—no farther side the way—"

No end to any row—

No indications where the crescents—

No top to any steeples!"

There certainly was a sun and moon in those early days of Hongkong, when Chinmey delighted to paint the street scenes of Canton and Macao and their best population; but we fancy Chinmey would have found it difficult to find many street scenes in Hongkong when it might almost be said in Tom Hood's words that there was "no road, no street," and we might go on and say there was no Plaza, no Cathedral, only a mud flat that did duty for church, no Pedlar's Wharf, no Clock Tower, no Kowloon, no Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, no City Hall; nothing whatever, only the embryo of a little Colony, which has grown wonderfully well. This view of Hongkong in 1849, is from a sketch in oil by Geo. Chinmey, and is, we learn, to be one of the exhibits sent from this Colony to the Colonial Exhibition in London in 1888.

A photograph of Hongkong in its present condition is to be seen in the next issue of the China Mail. It is a picture which will be more interesting and instructive, when the reader has had time to have this picture and the photograph here in our City Hall. If any arrangement could be made for so doing, it would show the great progress that Hongkong has achieved since 1849. "Happy Valley," "A Scrap from Harper's Magazine," and "Oleanders, a carpet in the Garden," were all worthy of attention.

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graphs of letter-press would do. They were not only views of the islands, but also consisted of groups of Chinese in their various dress, and artist's hand had evidently grouped them together.

The second table was taken up with a number of water colours, exactly as many as there were in the oils—viz. twenty-five of each. These give abundant evidence that the amateur artist of Hongkong have not been idle while on their summer outings, but busy fingers and equally busy brushes have thus brought to glances of lovely spots, which otherwise would have been unseen. They are too numerous to notice in detail. We can pick out a few.

Each end of the table was flanked by a large painting, and both by the same hand. "Hongkong Blue Bells" and "Fruited Autumn." The former consisting of a group of the beautiful mountain flowers, and the latter is a most attractive group, basket full of custard apples, carobs, and plantains, all in a Chinese market basket.

"At Happy Valley" also deserved notice. "Old Mossy Steps, Kioto" is also good.

"Seed-pods. A Study from Nature" is very rich in colour and well done.

"Cards for the coming Christmas" also an appearance. We must pass by the others for want of space; and call attention to some amongst the "Black and White and Various." There was a little variety here in the shape of "A Chair Back—On Satin" and two Plaques.

"Dinner Name Cards with bordered Edges" and "Dinner Name Cards with Shakespeare Mottoes" are unique, and very neat.

In conclusion we are sorry to hear that the indefatigable Secretary of the Club, to whom much of the success of the exhibitions is due, will leave our shores shortly.

THE REVOLUTION IN EASTERN ROUMANIA.

The importance of the news received during the last few days concerning a revolution in Eastern Roumania cannot be fairly estimated until fuller particulars come to hand. Ever since the Treaty of Berlin was signed (July 13, 1878), by which the Sublime Porte was shown of many of its best provinces in Europe, Austria and Russia have been vying with each other in their endeavour to obtain the strongest influence over the Danubian and Adriatic Kingdoms or Principalities the names of which became so familiar during the Russo-Turkish wars. Montenegro is practically possessed by Russia, although Austria is said to contribute largely towards the construction of carriage roads there; while Servia leans rather towards Austrian than Russian friendship. The game so long maintained has many sides and ever-varying fortunes; but probably the most remarkable feature of all is the development of the desire on the part of the inhabitants themselves to obtain free institutions—separately altogether than with the traditions of either Russia, Austria, or Turkey. A few facts concerning Bulgaria and Eastern Roumania may throw light upon the questions whether or not this most recent revolutionary event is only a further development of this movement, and whether Russia is playing into the hands of the aspirants for interior purposes of her own.

Bulgaria was, by the Treaty of Berlin, constituted a self-governing Christian State, with a national militia. The State was to pay an annual tribute to the Sultan, who, with the consent of the Powers, had the power of confirming the election of a Prince in 1769, and the war strength 52,000. Prince Alexander I., of the House of Battenberg (Hesse), who is the present ruler, is connected with, though not a member of, the Russian Imperial family. Two or three years since the Russian generals, who were the chief Ministers of the Prince, caused great disquiet, owing to their determined opposition to the Assembly; and Prince Alexander, playing not unwillingly into the hands of his people, appointed a purely Bulgarian Ministry. This show of independence greatly enraged the Russians, and not the less so because it was a clear indication that as free institutions gradually made their way, Russian dominance necessarily lost its hold over Prince and people. It may be noted that of the population (over 2,000,000), 67 per cent. are Bulgarians, and 26.20 per cent. Turks. The capital city is Sofia, and the principal towns are Varna, Shumla, Ruschuk, Razgrad, Sistova, Pleven, Tinnova, and Vidin—nearly all of which places suffered greatly during the last Russo-Turkish war.

Eastern Roumania, the province which has joined its fortunes with those of Bulgaria, was placed under the direct authority of the Sultan, with certain conditions of self-government, by the Berlin Treaty. The Governor-General must be a Christian, and internal order was to be maintained by a native gendarmerie, assisted by a local militia—no Bashis or Circassian troops were to be allowed into the province. It was further provided that—The Governor-General will have the right of summoning the Ottoman troops in the event of the internal or external security of the province being threatened. In such an event the Sublime Porte shall inform the representative of the Powers at Constantinople of the decision as well as of the exigencies which justify it. The Government of Eastern Roumania was administered by Eustace till the end of May 1870, and then handed over to the new Governor-General. The Provincial Assembly is elective in the portion of 68 members to 20, the latter members being official, and the electoral qualification is broad. Of the old street songs which have "you must go to Hongkong for me," it is evident that it would be very interesting and instructive, when the reader has had time to have this picture and the photograph here in our City Hall. If any arrangement could be made for so doing, it would show the great progress that Hongkong has achieved since 1849. "Happy Valley," "A Scrap from Harper's Magazine," and "Oleanders, a carpet in the Garden," were all worthy of attention.

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P. BYRNE, Chairman.

WORKING ACCOUNT 1884.

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To Losses and Claims paid..... 18,201.66

By Agency Charges..... 6,145.79

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By Shanghai Charges..... 9,539.00

By London Charges..... 23,206.04

By Yokohama Charges..... 4,479.48

By Remuneration for half-year ending 31st Dec., 1884, viz.: 3,500.00

To Directors..... 3,500.00

To Staff & London Committees and Fees to London Auditors..... 2,309.55

By Losses and Claims paid..... 5,800.55

By Interim Bonus on Contributions a/c 1884 declared 4th May, 1885 20 per cent. 232,405.60

To Exchange..... 5,378.22

By Balance..... 626,132.15

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To Paid up Capital..... 12,292.11

By Agency Charges..... 6,843.00

By Head Office Charges..... 16,485.66

By Shanghai Charges..... 9,208.42

By London Charges..... 17,923.00

By Yokohama Charges..... 5,475.18

By Remuneration for half-year ending 30th June 1885, viz.: 3,500.00

To Directors..... 3,500.00

To Staff & London Committees and Fees to London Auditors..... 3,400.46

By Losses and Claims paid..... 167,940.27

By Balance..... 439,088.41

Dr.

567,215.77

On 30th June, 1885. Dr.

To Paid up Capital..... 250,000.00

To Reserve Fund..... 154,000.00

To Unclaimed Bonus and Dividend account 1882 to 1884 117,840.27

To Working account 1885, Bal. 226,132.18

To Working account 1885, Bal. 439,089.41

To Sundry Creditors..... 62,581.43

Dr.

51,629,543.29

On 30th June, 1885. Dr.

To Cash on Current account with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation..... 62,074.20

By Cash on Deposit, viz.: Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China..... 93,000.40

Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China..... 75,000.00

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation..... 120,000.00

By Cash on Loan or Mortgage to H. K. & W. Co. 120,000.00

By Cash on Mortgage in Hongkong..... 45,000.00

By Cash Mortgage in Shanghaibank..... 10,000.00

By Cash invested in Chinese Imperial Banks, viz.: 1841..... 42,412.16

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